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SUBJECT: NDRE TEAM VISIT TO US

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1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO INCLUDE UN-FOS
REPS IN THE BRIEFINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED FOR
THE NDRE TEAM AS RECOMMENDED IN REFTEL A.

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2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, NDRE TEAM VISIT TO THE US IS OF
AN EXPLORATORY NATURE IN THE BILATERAL/NATO CONTEXT TO
INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
CAPABILITY FOR THE NORWEGIAN UNIFIL CONTINGENT (REFTEL C).
(EMBASSY OSLO MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS INTERPRETATION.)
IF THE NDRE TEAM DETERMINES, AFTER AN ON-SITE SURVEY IN

SOUTHERN LEBANON AND DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS, THAT AN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY IS PRACTICAL, (AND IF SUITABLE EQUIPMENT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE) THE GON WOULD INSTALL SENSORS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN THE NORWEGIAN UNIFIL SECTOR.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ONLY IF THIS EXPERIMENT WITH

SECTOR WERE SUCCESSFUL WOULD THE UN SUBSEQUENTLY CONSIDER INSTALLING SENSORS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN THE REMAINING UNIFIL SECTORS. AT THAT POINT WE WOULD NEED TO ADDRESS POLICY ISSUES THAT GO BEYOND THE ALREADY DIFFICULT QUESTION OF MAKING SENSORS AVAILABLE TO NORWAY, INCLUDING: A) WHETHER EQUIPMENT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE OUT OF UNDERSTOCKED DOD INVENTORY (COMMERCIAL FIRMS HAVE NO STOCKS AND REQUIRE 6 MONTH LEAD TIME); B) RESOLUTION OF COMPETING DEMANDS, INCLUDING UNFILLED UK REQUEST FOR SENSORS; C) EFFECT OF DRAW-DOWN OF DOD STOCKS ON US READINESS; D) SECURITY IMPACT OF PROVIDING SENSORS TO NON-NATO FORCES.

3. WE BELIEVE BEST WAY TO HANDLE BOTH NORWEGIAN AND EVENTUAL UN REQUESTS WOULD BE TO KEEP THEM SEPARATE FOR TIME BEING. OTHERWISE OUR HANDLING OF NORWEGIAN REQUEST MIGHT WELL GET BOGGED DOWN IN OUR CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES INVOLVED IN OVERALL UNIFIL REQUIREMENTS (WHICH ARE STILL CONFIDENTIAL

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ONLY SPECULATIVE). INCLUSION OF UN-FOS REPS IN THE NDRE TEAM DISCUSSIONS WOULD INEVITABLY BRING THESE ISSUES TO THE FORE AND WOULD ALSO BE LIKELY TO PRE-JUDGE THE USG POSITION ON PROVIDING SENSORS TO UNIFIL AS A WHOLE.

4. WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER NOT TO INCLUDE UN-FOS REPS IN NDRE JUNE 6 VISIT, BUT WOULD WELCOME SUCH REPRESENTATION LATER WHEN AND IF UNIFIL CONSIDERS MORE EXTENSIVE USE OF SENSORS.
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